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of the school districts efforts to try and identify the problem and Senator Goodrich knows that that is the case.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Wesely in his attempt to get this bill introduced and it is not, I want to repeat this, it is not because the Education Committee loves to have hearings so much that we just need another bill to extend out our hearing schedule. That is not the reason I rise to support this. I want that to be made clear and a matter of the record particularly because my committee members might not approve if I don't make that clear. But I do believe that the issue of asbestos as Senator Wesely has pointed out is one that we do need to address, that we do need to have some mechanism to assist the public schools of this state who have a severe financial problem facing them, and I believe those of you who have been reading the articles in the Lincoln Star probably are aware of the problems that they are facing here in the Lincoln Public Schools. So I believe it probably is appropriate that we do have a bill introduced and a public hearing on it and a public forum as to the mechanism that Senator Wesely is talking about to try to address that situation. So with that, Mr. President, I just ask the body to support Senator Wesely in his attempt to get this bill introduced.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Well, Mr. President, I would simply rise to say I don't much care because I think this bill will go to Health and Welfare instead of Education because that is where it went last time so we can let those guys have another hearing instead of us.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Wesely, do you care to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would. I think Senator Hefner obviously is referring to a hearing we had last night or turned into last night on a bill dealing with the severance tax where we discussed this matter. Let me emphasize a few things, number one, the federal government mandated that the schools inspect to find asbestos. Now beyond that the federal government does not require that the asbestos be removed. There is no federal mandate to that effect. However, the schools that have the problem